[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

Communications in North Travancore.

162. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: (*a*) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that North Travancore is backward in point of means of communication when compared with other parts of the country?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to repair immediately the unmetalled portions of the Main Central Road north of Kottayam so as to make it fit for bus traffic by metalling the same and by the diversion of certain alignments over the hills?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 11 miles of the road have been fully and 18 miles partially metalled and the bad portions of the road are being steadily improved. The road can be thrown open to bus traffic only after certain deviations are made, the Nagampadam bridge renewed and the road fully metalled. It is not possible to say when these works will be completed.

Excise, Forest and other Departmental Cases.

163. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any orders during the last twelve years directing the Magistrates that criminal cases charged by the Excise, Forest and other Departments in which the Government are interested should receive different treatment from other cases?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

Expenditure on Tank Restoration in the Uncommanded Area.

164. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned in the budget for each year from 1090 to 1097, for works in connection with the tanks of the Tovala taluk lying outside the Kodayar Project and the amount expended each year out of the same?

(*b*) Was any portion of such amount sanctioned in the budget utilised for any other work? If so, did the Government sanction it?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) A statement showing the budget grant for each year and the amount expended is given below:—

	1090 Rs.	1091 Rs.	1092 Rs.	1093 Rs.	1094 Rs.	1095 Rs.	1096 Rs.	1097 Rs.
Budget grant	5,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	2,000	2,600	2,575	2,250
Expenditure	7,990	9,533	7,362	3,008	1,437	1,433	605	398

(*b*) A statement showing the diversions made in the years 1093 to 1097 under the sanction of the Chief Engineer or the Government, as the case may be, is given below.—

	1093 Rs.	1094 Rs.	1095 Rs.	1096 Rs.	1097 Rs.
Amount diverted.	2,000	500	1,170	1,925	1,850

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